"HE IS NOT HERE, FOR HE IS RISEN." MATTHEW 28:6



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We're well into 2016, and time is hastening on! I'm reminded of Eph. 5:15-16: "Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil." In Word Studies in the Greek New Testament Kenneth Wuest says that means "Make a wise and sacred use of every opportunity for doing good" or "taking advantage of opportunities that present themselves." The Holy Spirit has been giving me quite a few opportunities recently. Pray that I will faithfully take advantage of them for His glory.

In December I mentioned tract distribution. We weren't able to complete that ministry before the end of 2015 but still plan to. Please pray for God-directed contacts.

On the first leg of my flight to Missouri to be with my brother and his wife over Christmas, I "was placed" beside a Chinese university student. On her lap lay a Bible-looking book. "Is that Chinese?" I asked, pointing to the writing on the cover. It was. Assuming she was a Christian, I asked, "So have you trusted Jesus Christ as your Savior?" "Oh no," she said smiling, "my boyfriend gave this to me and I'm just learning about the Bible." Our 45-min. flight offered opportunity to give a brief overview of the Bible's main message. We exchanged contact information and in January, after she was back at Northern Arizona University, I invited her out for a Chinese meal. She asked if she could bring two of her friends "who are super-interested in holy bible?" Of course! An interesting time! I plan to take her (and her friends if available) to the Grand Canyon over their spring break. Lord, direct in this opportunity!

For months when I'd pick up two sisters who'd been in girls' club for several years, their neighbor girl, Abigail, wanted to come. I felt that a new group would be better for her, so in January I invited her and two other girls to a new group. The other two come, but Abigail's parents haven't given permission for her to attend. Every time I pick up the other girls, she's outside, eager for me to notice her and telling me that her parents "are still making up their minds." I'm afraid that's wishful thinking, given the length of time they've had to decide. Pray for a miracle. It hurts to see an eager girl denied the privilege of hearing God's Word.

What else has been/is on my schedule? Usual work activities, helping to make a timeline for UIM's 60thanniversary year, making shepherd's pie for 35 Indian Bible College students and staff, setting dates for a fall trip to some supporting churches, visiting a Havasupai lady recovering from a vehicle accident, and planning four meals for Frontier School of the Bible's short-term mission team members. Bored? Hardly!

Emalou Norris, the wife of the couple whose biography I wrote about 12 years ago, died recently at age 100. To obtain a copy of The Hand of the Ancient One, contact UIM.

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